

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A bone screw anchor system operable to secure an implant to a bone using a fastening device comprising:

an externally threaded intermediary portion;

[[a]] an open tip located at a first end of said intermediary portion;

a head defining a groove ~~having an interface~~ capable of cooperating with a driving tool operable to facilitate implantation of said anchor within said bone, said head located at a second end of said intermediary portion opposite said open tip; and

a ~~threaded~~ interior bore extending through said head and through at least a portion of said intermediary portion, said bore having threads operable to cooperate with corresponding threads of the fastening device;

wherein said fastening device secures the implant to the bone.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein said tip further comprises at least one cutting flute.

4. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein said tip is self-tapping.

5. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, further comprising at least one port providing communication between said interior bore and an exterior of said bone screw anchor.

6. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, further comprising at least one cutting flute extending across at least a portion of a length of said intermediary portion.

7. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said bore is filled with bone cement.

8. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein said head further comprises a collar.

9. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 8, wherein said collar further comprises at least one cutting flute.

10. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein said bore extends completely through said anchor.

11. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein said anchor is comprised of a resorbable material.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein the implant is a bone plate.

14. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein said tip has a diameter that is smaller than a diameter of said intermediary portion.

15. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein said intermediary portion is completely externally threaded.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein said fastening device is a screw.

18. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 1, wherein said interface of said head is at least one recess operable to mate with said driver.

19. (Currently Amended) A bone screw anchor system operable to secure an implant to a bone using a fastening device comprising:

an externally threaded intermediary portion;

[[a]] an open tip located at a first end of said intermediary portion;

a head located at a second end of said intermediary portion, said second end positioned opposite said first end; and

a bore extending through said head, said intermediary portion, and said tip operable to direct bone cement from said bore to said bone through at least one of a port and said tip;

wherein said bore is threaded to receive the fastening device operable to secure the implant to said anchor;

wherein the implant is secured between the fastening device and the anchor.

20. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said anchor is self tapping.

21. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, further comprising at least one flute extending from said tip to said head.

22. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said head further comprises a collar.

23. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said collar further comprises at least one cutting flute.

24. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said head further comprises an interface to permit cooperation between said anchor and a driving tool during implantation of said anchor within said bone.

25. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said anchor is comprised of a resorbable material.

26. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said bone cement is injected within said bore using a delivery apparatus comprising:

a bone cement receptacle; and

a threaded tube connected to said receptacle and operable to cooperate with said threads of said bore.

27. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 26, said delivery apparatus further comprising a stem extending from said threaded tube, said stem terminating in a disk operable to plug said bore at said tip to prevent bone cement from passing through said tip.

28. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said implant is a bone plate.

29. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said tip has a diameter that is smaller than a diameter of said intermediary portion.

30. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said intermediary portion is completely externally threaded.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said fastening device is a screw.

33. (Currently Amended) The bone screw anchor system of Claim 19, wherein said interface of said head is at least one recess operable to mate with said driver.

34. (Currently Amended) A method of securing a bone screw anchor system
~~an implant~~ to a bone comprising:

implanting a bone screw anchor within said bone using a driving tool
operable to cooperate with a groove in a head of said anchor;

injecting bone cement into a threaded bore extending through said head
and at least a portion of an intermediary region of said anchor using a cement delivery
device, said bone cement exiting said bore through at least one opening in an
intermediary portion of said bore to permit said bone cement to secure said anchor to
said bone; and

threading a fastening device into the bore to secure an implant.

~~securing an said implant to said anchor using a threaded fastening device
secured within said bore.~~

35. (Original) The method of Claim 34, further comprising protecting an
internally threaded portion of said anchor during said injecting step.

36. (Original) The method of Claim 34, further comprising threadably
connecting said delivery device with internal threads of said anchor to protect said
threads from being contaminated with said bone cement during said injecting step.

37. (Original) The method of Claim 34, wherein said bone cement exits said
bore through a tip of said anchor.

38. (Original) The method of Claim 34, wherein said bone cement exits said bore through at least one side port located on one or more sides of said anchor.

39. (Currently Amended) A method for securing a bone screw anchor system ~~an implant~~ to a bone comprising:

providing an anchor having:

an externally threaded intermediary portion;

a tip located at a first end of the intermediary portion;

a head having an interface capable of cooperating with a driving tool operable to facilitate implantation of the anchor within the bone, the head located at a second end of the intermediary portion opposite the tip; and

a ~~threaded interior~~ bore extending through the head and through at least a portion of the intermediary portion, the bore having interior threads and operable to cooperate with corresponding threads of a fastening device;

implanting the anchor within the bone and using bone cement to secure the anchor to the bone;

placing an implant over the anchor and the bone; and

fastening the implant to the anchor using the fastening device such that the implant is between the anchor and the fastening device.

40. (Original) The method of Claim 39, further comprising:

injecting bone cement through the interior bore, the bone cement exiting the bore through at least one opening in the interior bore to secure the anchor to the bone.

41. (Original) The method of Claim 39, further comprising:

injecting bone cement through the interior bore using a cement delivery device that mates with threads within the bore to protect the threads.